GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Sri K. Prabhakara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Narsipatnam (Retd., from service on 31.12.2017) - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings under Rule 9 of Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Article of Charge under Rule 20 of the APCS(CC&A)Rules, 1991 - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.426 **Dated:30 .07.2024.**

Read:

G.O.Ms.No.49, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., Dated: 30-07-2024

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ORDER:-

In pursuance of the sanction accorded, in the reference read above, under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri K. Prabhakara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Narsipatnam (now retired) vide reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services [Classification, Control and Appeal], 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures III and IV). Copies of documents are furnished herewith.

3. Sri K. Prabhakara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Narsipatnam (now retired) is directed to submit written statement of his defence within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri K. Prabhakara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Narsipatnam (now retired), is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K. Prabhakara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Narsipatnam (now retired), is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para (3) above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.

6. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K. Prabhakara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Narsipatnam (now retired)**through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

(P.T.O)

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.)

Copy to:

The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.

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ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. PRABHAKARA REDDY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, NARSIPATNAM (RETD., FROM SERVICE ON 31.12.2017)

Charge:

That the said Sri K.Prabhakara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Narsipatnam of Visakhapatnam District (Retired from service on 31.12.2017) has recommended the bills for payment despite inferior quality of concrete work in respect of WorkS No. 1 & 2 i.e (i) Providing CC road from Srichodipalli Jaggadu house to Sri Garikana Dattudu house at Vadapalem H/o Rambilli in Visakhapatnam district. Estimated Cost:2.40 lakhs. (Work ID:037054225028080022) Road Length : 79 Mts. (ii) Providing CC road from Sri Pitani Trimurthulu's house to Sri Pitani Musalayya house in Yathapeta in Rambilli in Visakhapatnam district. Estimated Cost:4.00 lakhs. (Work ID:037054225028080027)Road Length : 133.35 Mts., respectively.

By his above mentioned act, Sri K.Prabhakara Reddy, while working as Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division Narsipatnam of Visakhapatnam District has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity, lack of impartiality and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), 3(2) and 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and also caused loss to Government exchequer.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. PRABHAKARA REDDY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUBDIVISION, NARSIPATNAM (RETD., FROM SERVICE ON 31.12.2017)

Basis:

In the Vigilance Report No.64(C.No.710/V&E/Engg/2016), dt:12.12.2023, the Director General, (V&E)Dept. has informed that the Vigilance and Enforcement Department has enquired into the contents of the complaint petition fled by Sri P.Pydisetty and others of Rambilli (V) & Mandal of erstwhile Visakhapatnam District on the allegation of irregularities in execution of CC roads works under Panchayat, Finance Commission funds under MGNREGS works of Rambilli (V) & (M) of erstwhile Visakhapatnam District and the following lapses were found:

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Work No.1: Providing CC Road from Sri Chodipalli Jaggadu House to Sri Garikana Dattudu house at Vadapalem H/o Rambilli, Visakhapatnam district. Estimated Cost: 2.40 lakhs.

In the said work, it is observed that the average cube compressive strength of the CC cores extracted from the CC pavement was found to have not attained the strength requirements of the specific grade of M20 and also not satisfying the strength requirements of next lower grade of M15 concrete as per IS 456:2000. Therefore, the CC pavement was found to be liable for rejection and an amount of Rs.1,99,479/- was arrived at towards the rejected component of the work.

Work No.2: Providing CC roads from Sri Pitani Trimurthulu's house to Sri Pitani Musalayya's house in Yathapeta in Rambilli, Visakhapatnam district. Estimated Cost:4.00 lakhs.

In the said work, it is observed that the average cube compressive strength of the CC cores extracted from the CC pavement was found to have not attained the strength requirements of the specific grade of M20 and also not satisfying the strength requirements of next lower grade of M concrete as per IS 456:2000. Therefore, the CC pavement was found to be liable for rejection and an amount of Rs.2,52,439/- was arrived at towards the rejected component of the work.

The abstract of recoveries and rejected component in respect of the above works are tabulated below:

SI. No-	Name of the work	Irregularities identified	Recovery component Rs. For the work	Rejected component(Rs.) for the work	Recovery from
1	"Providing CC road from Srichodipalli Jaggadu house to Sri Garikana Dattudu house at Vadapalem H/o Rambilli Visakhapatnam district. Estimated Cost:2.40 lakhs.	CC payvement was found to be liable for rejection		1,99,479/-	The then Gram Panchayat rambilli
2	"Providing CC road from Sri Pitani Trimurthulu's house to Sri Pitani Musalayya's house in Yathapeta in Rambilli Visakhapatnam district. Estimated Cost:4.00 lakhs.(Work ID:037054225028080027) Road Length: 133.35 Mts	CC pavement was found to be liable for rejection		2,52,439/-	The then Gram Panchayat Rambilli
		Total		**4,51,918/-**	

As per the findings of the V&E, Sri K.Prabhakara Reddy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Narsipatnam of Visakhapatnam District (Retired from service on 31.12.2017) has recommended the bills for payment despite inferior quality of concrete in Works No. 1& 2.

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Thus, Sri K.Prabhakara Reddy, while working as Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Narsipatnam of Visakhapatnam District has failed to discharge his legitimate duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government employee and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and caused loss to the Government exchequer.

Hence, the charge.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. PRABHAKARA REDDY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, NARSIPATNAM (RETD., FROM SERVICE ON 31.12.2017) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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1) Vigilance Report No. 64 (C.No.710/V&E/Engg./2016) Date:12.12.2023 of the Director General, V&E Dept

2) Govt.Memo No.2354916/Vig-I/2024, Dt. 26.05.2024 of the PR&RD(VIG.I) Department

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. PRABHAKARA REDDY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, NARSIPATNAM (RETD., FROM SERVICE ON 31.12.2017) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

- NIL –

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